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## MARCH 2011 CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

### Women's History Month

We begin March 2011 celebrating Women's History Month and International Women's Day on March 8th. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity, following an arduous lobbying campaign beginning in the 1970's. This year is especially remarkable as we also celebrate the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote in California, which preceded women's suffrage at the national level - as they say, as goes California, so goes the Nation. Below are a few events and celebrations in California highlighting the success of women.

- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8
- KQED WOMEN'S HISTORY GUIDE
- PAMELA ROSE CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH (SAN FRANCISCO, CA)
- EL CAMINO COLLEGE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH GUIDE (TORRANCE, CA)
- WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AWARDS CEREMONY & RECEPTION "OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH" (SAN FRANCISCO, CA)
- DALY CITY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AWARDS RECEPTION EVENT - "WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE"
- CALIFORNIA WOMEN LEAD - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RECEPTION (LA)
- WHEREEVERTHERESA FIGHT.COM - IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, ELAINE ELINSON AND STAN YOGI WILL SHARE STORIES OF HOW WOMEN SHAPED CIVIL LIBERTIES IN CALIFORNIA (SARATOGA, CA) MARCH 8, 2011
- U.S. CENSUS BUREAU - FACTS & FEATURES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
- WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED STATES LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### Cesar E. Chavez Day

March 31st is Cesar E. Chavez Day. Chavez was an American farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist who co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers (UFW). His approach to unionism and nonviolent tactics brought the farm workers' struggle national support. His message was of hope and service. He once said, "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others ..." I hope that you have a fulfilling day of service. *Si se puede!*

- CESAR E. CHAVEZ HOLIDAY 2011 (SAN FRANCISCO)
- CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OF SERVICE 2011 (LA PAZ, CA)
- 2011 ANNUAL CESAR E. CHAVEZ "SI SE PUEDE" GALA (LOS ANGELES)

### St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th. St. Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland; the 17th marks his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. A traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner would include Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took

place not in Ireland but in the United States when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Keeping with that tradition, here are a few links to assist you in navigating some of the activities happening this month.

- 2011 ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES - UNITED IRISH SOCIETIES OF SF
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

(DUBLIN, CA)

- BRIAN STURGEON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY RUN 2011, MARCH 12
- 2011 GO GREEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K/10K AND HALF MARATHON (LOS GATOS, CA) MARCH 13, 2011
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND IRISH FESTIVAL IN BALBOA PARK (SAN DIEGO) MARCH 12, HOSTED BY THE IRISH CONGRESS OF SOUTHERN CA